Message

From: Lippincott, Jim [Lippincott.Jim@epa.gov]

Sent: 6/22/2015 3:33:57 PM

To: McGrath, Shaun [McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: Dewey-Burdock?

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From: McGrath, Shaun

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2015 9:32 AM

To: Lippincott, Jim

Cc: Minter, Douglas; Miller, Johanna; Hestmark, Martin; O'Connor, Darcy; Thomas, Deb; Stavnes, Sandra; Bohan,

Suzanne; Varcoe, Betsy; Shea, Valois; Bahrman, Sarah

Subject: Re: Dewey-Burdock?

Jim

I'm out of the office today. Please refer Ms Henderson to Douglas or Johanna.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 22, 2015, at 9:26 AM, Lippincott, Jim <<u>Lippincott, Jim@epa.gov</u>> wrote:

Shaun doesn't want to talk to her.

From: Minter, Douglas

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2015 8:19 AM

To: Miller, Johanna; Hestmark, Martin; O'Connor, Darcy; Thomas, Deb; Stavnes, Sandra; McGrath, Shaun; Bohan,

Suzanne

Cc: Varcoe, Betsy; Lippincott, Jim; Shea, Valois; Bahrman, Sarah

Subject: RE: Dewey-Burdock?

Thanks Johanna: I left a voicemail for Susan and let her know that I am available by phone or in person to talk with her today about our UIC permitting process related to Dewey Burdock.

Douglas Minter

From: Miller, Johanna

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2015 8:09 AM

To: Hestmark, Martin; O'Connor, Darcy; Thomas, Deb; Stavnes, Sandra; McGrath, Shaun; Bohan, Suzanne

Cc: Minter, Douglas; Varcoe, Betsy; Lippincott, Jim

Subject: RE: Dewey-Burdock?

All – Douglas Minter will reach out to Ms. Henderson this am and offer to meet with her if she is still in town. I will also make myself available to discuss any Superfund related concerns over the historic open pit mines in the vicinity. Copying Betsy and Jim Lippincott in case they receive a call.

Johanna

From: Hestmark, Martin

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2015 7:36 AM

To: O'Connor, Darcy; Thomas, Deb; Miller, Johanna; Stavnes, Sandra; McGrath, Shaun; Bohan, Suzanne

Subject: FW: Dewey-Burdock?

So it seems this invitation or next meeting should be with OPRA and maybe ECEJ?

From: Stites, Rob

Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 4:05 PM

To: Murray, Bill; Miller, Johanna; Ketellapper, Victor **Cc:** Hestmark, Martin; Stavnes, Sandra; Rathke, David

Subject: Dewey-Burdock?

A Ms. Susan Henderson from Edgemont, S.D. showed in person today at about 2:00 pm. She asked for me, because we had spoken several years ago on issues surrounding the Black Hills Army Depot (BHAD). I thought her interest was in BHAD. Dave Rathke accompanied me.

Apparently, her real interest is in the Dewey-Burdock area and proposed Uranium mining, which is in the area. In summary, there was a lot of discussion about her concerns for the state not having any real ability to deal with the situation, corporate structures (Russian and Chinese interests behind the companies), and her concerns for the inordinate amounts of water to be used in the water rights application. We also got an earful over animal deaths/deformities she believes are due to water contamination (from the old mining area and/or BHAD). She mentioned speaking to Victor Ketellapper about doing some water samples and access issues. She is concerned about in-situ activities close to the Madison aquifer.

Liberally paraphrasing, what she wants:

- 1. A meeting with Shaun McGrath, or possibly Deb Thomas to discuss her concerns. The question was to the effect of: Why consider a permit for mining or water rights when the area is being investigated by Superfund? She fears damage (contamination) /dewatering of the aquifers.
- 2. Enforce, if needed, to get appropriate water sampling so EPA knows "what's really going on".
- 3. More work to see if the animal deaths/mutations are related to any of the old mining, new mining, or BHAD.

My responses:

My unit no longer works with BHAD, a non-NPL site. Our role was curtailed when our HQs restricted our budget and said to focus on NPL work. The SDDENR is the lead agency (she commented negatively on the SDDENR).

I would email those who may be involved and my management so the issue can be addressed by those best informed.

I'll be out next week but plan to be in Friday the 26th.

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